

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

Motion put and carried

RESOLUTIONS

1. Improvements to the Puthenthode Chal

"This Council recommends to the Government that the Puthenthode Chal be widened and deepened for the purpose of facilitating water communication from Karanchira to Trichur".

(**Mr. V. K. Krishnakutty**)

Resolution was not moved

2. Territorial representation in the matter of recruitment to the State service

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Mr. President Sir, The resolution standing in my name reads thus: "This Council recommends to the Government that hard and fast rules be made in the working of the Staff Selection Board that the subjects of the several parts of the realm of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin be equally represented in the State Service."

Sir, sometime back, about a decade ago nepotism and favouritism were rampant in Cochin State.

Mr. Ar. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Everywhere it was rampant.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): What is that time please?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): About a decade ago.

It was on the unanimous representation of this House as then constituted—in the case of the present House I have no hope (*Laughter.*)

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): So, you have no hope? (*Laughter.*)

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): No. So it was after our strenuous efforts and representations that the Staff Selection Board was brought into existence. When the Board was appointed, Government said it was appointed to safeguard the rights of the various interests, castes and creeds. But what do you find now, after the constitution of this Board? Do they strictly follow the